

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure, having a base part, in which receivers for the elongate articles are formed, having first and second generally parallel partitions between two such receivers, the receivers comprise a front side and a rear side; and

at least one first latching finger coupled to the first partition at the front side and at least one second latching finger coupled to the second partition at the rear side of the receiver, wherein the width of the first and second latching fingers are smaller than the width of the first and second partitions and the first latching finger is arranged offset relative to the second latching finger in such a way that no overlapping occurs between the first latching finger and the second latching finger on the partitions, wherein an elbow is disposed between the first and second partitions, the elbow having a length about the length of the first and second partitions and defining an aperture therethrough, and wherein on both sides of each of the partitions are two or more vertically offset latching fingers disposed therein.

2. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the first latching finger is arranged laterally offset relative to the second latching finger at a distance of 5 to 20% of the width of the partitions.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the first and second partitions have an opening in the form of a slot.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the ratio of the width of an individual latching finger to the width of the partitions is between 1:4 and 1:2.

7. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized by outer walls, which for securing the elongate articles have at least one latching finger.

8. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized by outer walls, which are reinforced by reinforcing structures.

9. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the retaining clip is made of elastic plastics material.

10. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the first latching finger is arranged laterally offset relative to the second latching finger at a distance of 10 to 15% of the width of the partitions.

11. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip according to claim 1, characterized in that the ratio of the width of an individual latching finger to the width of the partitions is approximately 2:5.

12. (Previously Presented) Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure comprising:

a base part, defining a plurality of receivers for the elongate articles, each receiver having at least one partition between two such receivers, each partition having a front and a rear side and having at least one first pair of latching fingers at the front side and at least one pair of second latching fingers at the rear side of the partition;

wherein the width of each latching finger is smaller than the width of the partition and the first pair of latching fingers are arranged offset relative to the second pair of latching fingers in such a way that no overlapping occurs between the first pair of latching fingers and the second pair of latching fingers on the partition, and wherein the first pair of latching fingers are arranged laterally offset relative to the second pair of latching fingers at a distance of 5 to 20% of the width of the partition and wherein both

sides of the partition comprise two or more vertically offset latching fingers disposed respectively on each side, said partition being formed of a first offset portion and a second offset portion, the first and second offset partitions being connected by an elbow along full sides of the first and second partitions.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A retaining clip according to Claim 12, wherein the partition has an opening in the form of a slot.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A retaining clip according to Claim 12, wherein the ratio of the width of an individual latching finger to the width of the partition is between 1:4 and 1:2.

17. (Previously Presented) A retaining clip according to Claim 12, comprising outer walls, having at least one latching finger.